

Fibres Exotica

Saffron

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Difficulty:

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Materials:

100g (1 skein) Fibres Exotica Swan (100% Mulberry Silk ; 366m per 100g)

Straight Knitting needles – Size 3.5mm (or size to obtain gauge)

4 stitch markers

4 small buttons

Knitter's needle

Scissors

Gauge:

20 sts x 32 rows = 4 inches in moss stitch pattern on 3.5mm needles

Size:

3-6 Months

Finished Measurements:

Mittens: 3 inches in length

Booties: 3-3.5 inches in length (allowing for stretch)

Abbreviations:

CO:	Cast on
BO:	Bind off
K:	Knit
P:	Purl
St(s):	Stitch(es)
KFB:	Knit into the front of the st as normal but before removing the st from the left hand needle, knit into the back loop of the stitch as well, increasing one st into two.
K2tog:	Knit two together, decreasing two sts into one.
P2tog:	Purl two together, decreasing two sts into one.
SSK:	Slip 2sts knitwise to right hand needle, knit these sts together, decreasing two sts into one.
YO:	Yarn over, increasing one st.
PM:	Place stitch marker.
SM:	Slip stitch marker.
RM:	Remove stitch marker.

Pattern Notes:

Moss Stitch Pattern: Working an even number of sts [K1, P1] across first row, [P1, K1] across second row. Repeat these rows to form the moss stitch pattern.

Long tail cast on:

Video: http://www.knittinghelp.com/apps/flash/video_player/play/34/1

Printable: <http://www.butlercountryknit.com/longtail.pdf>

Booties Directions:

Both booties are the same, they are just sewn up with the strap on the left side for the right foot and the right side for the left foot. Make 2.

CO 28sts using long tail cast on method on 3.5mm needles.

Rows 1-6: Work straight in moss st pattern.

Row 7: Work 3 sts in moss st pattern, PM, KFB, work 7 sts in moss st pattern, PM, KFB, work 4 sts in moss st pattern, KFB, PM, work 7 sts in moss st pattern, KFB, PM, work 3 sts in moss st pattern. (32sts)

Rows 8-10: Work in moss st pattern as established, SM when you reach them.

Row 11: Work 3 sts in moss st pattern, SM, P2tog, work in moss st pattern to 2nd marker, SM, K2tog, work in moss st pattern to 2 sts before 3rd marker, K2tog, SM, work in moss st pattern to 2 sts before 4th marker, K2tog, SM, work 3 sts in moss st pattern. (28 sts)

Row 12: BO 3 sts, remove marker, work remainder of row in moss st pattern.

Row 13: BO to 3sts before end of row, RM. Work next 3sts in moss st pattern.

Work strap: work 3 sts on needle back and forth in moss st pattern for 16 rows. BO 1 st, YO, K1 (3 sts on needle). Work 3 more rows in moss st pattern. BO 1 st, YO, K1 (3 sts on needle). Work 2 more rows in moss st pattern. BO 3 sts.

Finishing:

Sew up booties, making sure one is sewn with the strap on the left, the other with the strap on the right. Fold the piece in half, and join the seam sewing down the side edges to form the heel and along the cast on edge to form the sole. Sew 2 buttons to each of the booties securely, the strap should lie diagonally across the foot. Weave in ends and fasten securely.

Mittens Directions:

Make 2

Cast on 20 stitches using long tail cast on method on 3.5mm needles.

Rows 1-8: K1, P1 rib.

Row 9: [K1, KFB] to end. (30 sts)

Rows 10 & 11 form the moss stitch pattern:

Row 10: [K1, P1] across

Row 11: [P1, K1] across

Row 12-19: repeat rows 10 & 11

Row 20: SSK, work 11 sts in moss st pattern, K2tog, SSK, work 11 sts in moss st pattern as established, K2tog (26 sts)

Row 21: SSK, work 9 sts in moss st pattern, K2tog, SSK, work 9 sts in moss st pattern, K2tog (22 sts)

Row 22: SSK, work 7 sts in moss st pattern, K2tog, SSK, work 7 sts in moss st pattern, K2tog (18 sts)

Row 23: SSK, work 5 sts in moss st pattern, K2tog, SSK, work 5 sts in moss st pattern, K2tog (14 sts)

Row 24: SSK, work 3 sts in moss st pattern, K2tog, SSK, work 3 sts in moss st pattern, K2tog (10 sts)

Row 25: SSK, work 1 st in moss st pattern, K2tog, SSK, work 1 st in moss st pattern, K2tog (6 sts)

BO all sts.

Finishing:

Fold the mitten in half and sew up the side edges to form the seam. Weave in ends, making sure they are securely fastened. Turn the mittens so that the sewing is on the inside of the work.

About The Designer:

Jenny learned to knit in 2009 and is now working to form a career as a teacher and designer. She is available for commission work, both creating bespoke designs and standard knitting work. You can contact her and follow her progress on Ravelry @ JennyWillknitt and on her blog: www.worldofwoolcraft.tumblr.com.